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NATION HAD OVER 19 MILLION LICENSED SPORT FISHERMEN IN 1962, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A total of 19,403,465 persons in 50 States purchased one or more sport fishing licenses during 1962, the Department of the Interior reported today. The permits cost \$54,163,163.

The totals are based on information furnished the Department by 50 State fish and game departments as a basis for distributing Federal aid funds for fish-restoration projects. In 1961 the total licensed was 19,394,177 and the cost of permits was \$52,851,224.

Although the number of licensed sport fishermen is large, millions of other people go fishing, but are not required to purchase a license. Previous surveys of fishing and hunting by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife indicate there are more than 25 million sport fishermen 12 years or older in the United States. The unlicensed fishermen include most of those who fished in salt water along the coasts, and people who are exempt from license requirements because of age, veteran's status, or other reasons.

Some State fish and game departments require sportsmen to purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for fishing for different kinds of fish or for fishing in different areas. Many States offer trip or short-term licenses good for from 1 to 15 days. Other States issue only one license which is legal for all types of fishing. In many States minors are not required to purchase fishing licenses. Only six States require a license to fish in marine salt waters. Thus, the total number of licenses issued does not exactly equal the number of fishermen in some States.

The attached table shows the number of paid fishing license holders, as certified by 50 State fish and game departments; and the number of licenses, stamps, permits and tags purchases, and the revenue received.

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SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS, LICENSE SALES AND THE COST TO FISHERMEN FISCAL YEAR 1962

STATE	Paid Fishing License Holders 1/	Resident Fish- ing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps Issued	Total Fish- ing Licenses, Tags, Permits & Stamps Issued 1/	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	413,159	518,284	27,659	545 , 943	\$ 786,820
Alaska	53 ,5 83	42,015	14 ,7 83	56 , 798	343 , 156
Arizona	212,266	245,560	37,265	282,825	807,707
Arkansas	456,663	298,841	157,822	456,663	1,183,070
California	1,485,809	3,192,002	303,740	3,495,742	6,247,472
Colorado	413,525	296,628	120,556	417,184	1,501,931
Connecticut	107,545	104,172	3,373	107,545	414,522
Delaware	11,141	10,226	915	11,141	18,396
Florida	502,610	385,704	135,223	520,927	1,068,498
_	495,882	484,040	13,241	497,281	588,994
Georgia	4,209	4,190	19	4,209	8,824
Hawaii			80,673		
Idaho	239,374	159 , 730		240,403 705 777	1,007,136
Illinois	700,654	683 , 964	21,813	705 , 777	1,487,023
Indiana	754,431	726,290	34 , 209	760,499	1,013,848
Iowa	414,215	405,840	13,688	419,528	963,041
Kansas	271,362	261,919	9 , 857	271 ,7 76	827,360
Kentucky	316,090	247,257	69,713	316,970	1,021,961
Louisiana	223,031	202,297	22,304	224,601	272,429
Maine	229,019	153,647	76,545	230,192	758,381
Maryland	111,741	97,101	14,640	111,741	339,390
Massachusetts	183,924	140,957	4,946	145,903	578,165
Michigan	927,627	888,508	226,628	1,115,136	2,712,551
Minnesota	1,287,947	1,091,131	217,720	1,308,851	2,494,789
Mississippi	285,898	211,022	81,116	292,138	542,780
Missouri	691,005	746,863	137,903	884,766	2,509,597
Montana	235,709	183,594	47,544	231,138	459,883
Nebraska	221,301	204,919	16,382	221,301	468,054
Nevada	63,098	49,237	22,845	72,082	227 ,6 01
New Hampshire	121,192	83,029	45,933	128,962	444,981
New Jersey	138,950	205,850	9,894	215,744	758,066
New Mexico	142,168	98,745	46,111	144,856	547,061
New York	727,246	678,346	48,900	727,246	2,379,985
North Carolin		433,336	44,067	477,403	933,267
North Dakota	72,719	,50,194	4,076	54,270	125,411
Ohio	821,452	802,427	19,395	821,822	1,683,303
Oklahoma	462,695	381,957	83 , 459	465,416	1,036,0 88
Oregon	436,407	636,157	29,826	665 ,9 83	1,577,943
Pennsylvania	602,323	578 , 235	24,088	602 , <u>3</u> 23	2,013,633
Rhode Island	207و15	21 , 3 1 5	505	21,820	51,555
South Carolina		281,892	21,382	303,274	599,124
South Dakota	148,443	109,075	43,226	152,301	293,822
Tennessee	649,743	708,714	179,573	888,287	1,128,527
Texas	832,913	832,913	 <u>3</u> /	83 2,913	1,790,763
Utah	172,762	169,429	16,207	185,636	527,958
Vermont	101,028	70,107	32,004	102,111	240,066
Virginia	324,165	475,425	32 ,97 0	508 , 395	883,209
Washington	377,546	358,942	18,679	377 , 621	1,639,052
West Virginia	160 , 051	238 , 651	12,497	251,148	555 , 862
Wisconsin	1,060,000	693,615	377,854	1,071,469	3,620,729
Wyoming	132,168	70,899	65,655	136,554	679,179
TOTALS	19,403,465	20,015,191	3,069,423	23,084,614	\$54, 163 , 163

^{1/} A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.

Data certified by State fish and game departments.

^{2/} Period covered not identical to period covered by, certification for all States.
3/ Same license issued to both residents and non-residents.